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LOCATION

Founded in 1869, the City of Seattle is located in the State of Washington on Puget Sound, 113 miles (182 km) from the U.S.- Canadian border. Seattle is a commercial, cultural and advanced technology hub of the U.S. Pacific Northwest and a major port city for trans-Pacific and European travel and trade. Surrounded by mountains and water, the greater Seattle area features picture-perfect views and abundant recreational opportunities year-round.

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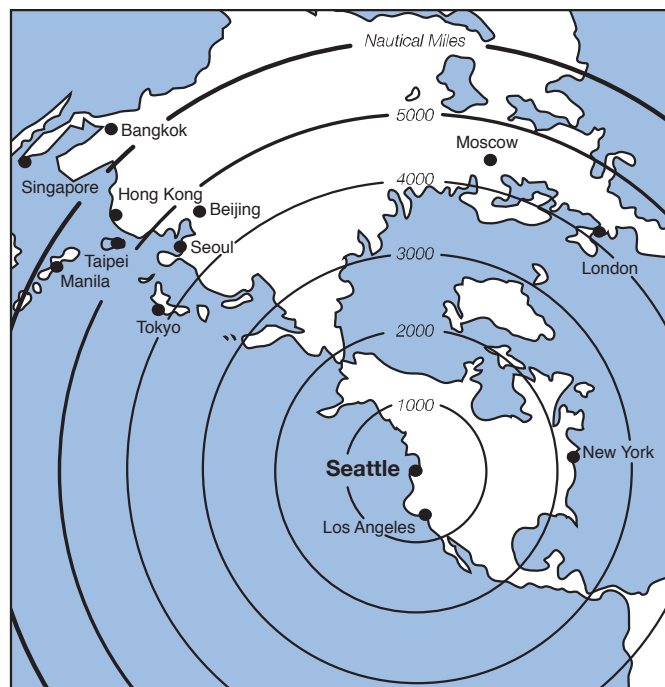
City Profile

Land Area: 84 sq mi (217 sq km)

Population, 2006: 578,700

Population Density: 6,907 people per sq mi (2,667 per sq km)

DEMOGRAPHICS



Population

	Seattle	Greater Seattle Area*	Cascadia**
1970	530,831	1,939,000	7,738,635
1980	493,846	2,240,000	9,508,809
1990	516,259	2,748,867	11,000,384
2000	563,374	3,275,847	13,379,320
2006 (estimate)	578,700	3,524,000	14,407,008

*King, Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

**Washington, Oregon and British Columbia

Sources: US Census Bureau (See www.historylink.org); BC Stats (BC Ministry of Management Services); and Oregon Office of Economic Analysis.

Seattle estimate for 2006 from Washington State's Office of Financial Management.

Population by Race in 2005

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey)

Race/Ethnic Group	Seattle	King County	Washington State
White	369,689 (68.9%)	1,284,024 (73.1%)	4,988,017 (81.2%)
Black or African American	43,914 (8.2%)	99,819 (5.7%)	202,286 (3.3%)
American Indian and Alaska Native	6,336 (1.2%)	14,739 (0.8%)	88,363 (1.4%)
Asian	77,363 (14.4%)	233,028 (13.3%)	405,030 (6.6%)
Asian Indian	3,111	28,350	41,583
Chinese	20,774	55,771	72,135
Filipino	21,950	44,430	87,871
Japanese	10,808	26,031	40,115
Korean	3,317	22,122	51,929
Vietnamese	10,602	29,952	60,543
Other Asian	6,801	26,372	50,854
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,666 (0.3%)	10,208 (0.6%)	28,400 (0.5%)
Other race	16,940 (3.2%)	55,244 (3.1%)	229,830 (3.7%)
Population of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity (any race)	33,707 (6.3%)	118,558 (6.8%)	541,722 (8.8%)
TOTAL population	536,946	1,755,818	6,146,338

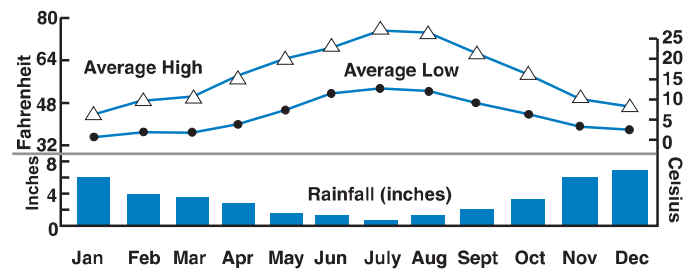
QUALITY OF LIFE

Seattle combines a stunning natural setting and vibrant metropolitan center with world-class arts, entertainment and cuisine. Seattle excels in livability with a mild climate, a wide range of housing options, arts and culture, sports, entertainment, an abundance of shops and restaurants and easy access to outdoor recreational activities in any season. Seattle was named the 'Most Educated City' in 2006; it ranked #6 among the 2006 top-ten arts destinations in the U.S.; was labeled the 'Most Unwired City' for access to wireless Internet connections in 2005, and named the #3 'Best Walking City' for its walker-friendly environment.

Climate

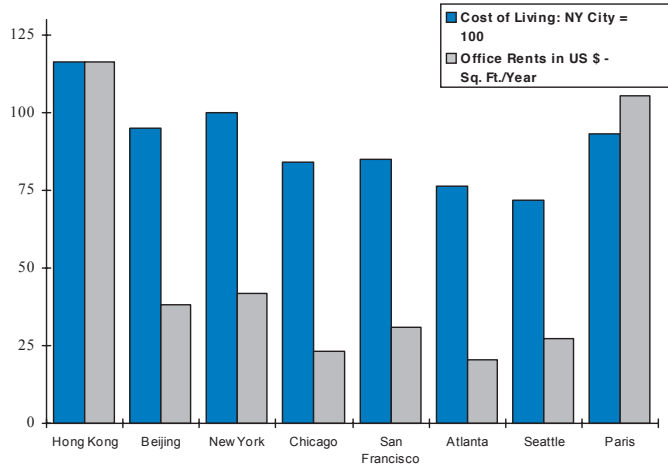
Seattle's mild winters and temperate summers enable year-round outdoor activities. High temperatures in July average 75° F (24° C), while low temperatures in winter drop below freezing an average of 15 days per year. Average yearly rainfall in Seattle is 36.2 inches (92 cm), compared to 19.5 inches (50 cm) in San Francisco, 34.5 (88 cm) in Chicago, 39 inches (99 cm) in Washington, DC and 40.3 inches (102 cm) in New York City.

Monthly Temperature and Rainfall in Seattle



Source: NOAA Climatological Data, Seattle

Cost of Living/Office Rents Index, 2006



Sources: 2006 cost of living figures from www.finfacts.ie. November 2006 office rent data from CB Richard Ellis.

Housing

Median sales prices of existing single-family homes, 3rd quarter 2006 (U.S. dollars)

Dallas	\$151,300	Washington, D.C.	\$431,900
St. Louis	\$154,400	Boston	\$412,300
Denver	\$253,200	San Diego	\$601,900
Chicago	\$279,400	San Francisco	\$749,400
Seattle	\$372,400		

Source: National Association of Realtors www.realtor.org

Rentals

Average monthly apartment rental costs in King County, March 2006

Studio \$682 One-bedroom \$776 Two-bedroom/Two-bath \$1,040

Source: Central Puget Sound Real Estate Report, Spring 2006

Median Family Income

Metropolitan Seattle*

2000	\$65,800	2004	\$72,600
2002	\$77,900	2006	\$74,300

*Includes Seattle, Bellevue and Everett

Source: Housing and Urban Development Regional Office (<http://www.huduser.org/>)

EDUCATION

Persons over 25, a comparison of major U.S. cities; percentage completing:

	High School	BA or Higher
Seattle	91.9	52.7
San Francisco	84.5	50.1
Washington, DC	83.6	45.3
Atlanta	83.0	42.4
New York	79.0	32.2
Chicago	77.5	29.9
Miami	63.3	20.3
Detroit	76.1	12.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Survey

Public and Private Schools

Total enrollment in Seattle Public Schools as of October 1, 2006, is 45,933. There are more than 300 private and parochial schools in Seattle.

Major Universities and Colleges

	Number of Students	Internet Home Page
University of Washington (public)	44,221	www.washington.edu
Seattle University (private)	6,177	www.seattleu.edu
Seattle Pacific University (private)	3,830	www.spu.edu
Seattle Community Colleges, four campuses (public)	27,760	www.sccd.ctc.edu
Art Institute of Seattle	2,425	www.ais.edu
Cornish College of the Arts	800	www.cornish.edu

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Health Care

The Seattle area is the health care center of the U.S. Pacific Northwest. Leading institutions include Swedish Medical Center, University of Washington Hospital and School of Medicine, Harborview Medical Center, Group Health Cooperative Hospital, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Northwest Hospital, Valley General Hospital, Children's Hospital and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (with the world's largest research program for cancer control and prevention).

Cultural and Recreational Facilities

Cultural		Recreational	
Museums	17	Parks	61 local parks
Historical Sites	37	Beaches	9
Community Centers	28	Golf Courses	5
Public Libraries	30	Tennis Courts	156
Performing Arts Centers	37	Swimming Pools	10
		Playing Fields	33
		Athletic Clubs	42
		Maintained Trails	72 miles

ECONOMY

Seattle is the urban center of a four-county metropolitan region with 3.5 million people and 1.7 million jobs. The city's largest employer is the **University of Washington**, with 28,000 faculty and staff, an operating budget of \$3.4 billion and an annual research budget of \$990 million (see 2006 Annual Report at <http://www.washington.edu/admin/finacct/annual.report.archive.html>). The University plays a key role in many economic sectors such as healthcare, biotechnology, information technology, science and research.

Seattle's **healthcare** cluster (hospitals, healthcare products and services, training and research) accounts for 96,000 jobs and contributes \$10 billion annually to the local economy (see Key Industries at <http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment>). The **biotechnology** and **medical device** sector, ranked 5th in the US by industry concentration, consists of 250 firms and non-profit research organizations throughout the Seattle/Washington State region (see <http://www.wabio.com>). Seattle's strong position in healthcare, biotechnology and information technology has led to new collaborative developments in **bioinformatics** (using databases and algorithms to enhance biological research) and **health informatics** (using computer technologies for the collection, storage, communication and optimal use of health related data).

Seattle's healthcare and biotechnology sectors have benefited from grants from the Seattle-based **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, which has \$29.1 billion in net assets (not including additional assets promised recently by Warren Buffet). Foundation funding helped the University of Washington co-locate the **Departments of Genome Sciences and Bioengineering** in a new facility and create a new **Department of Global Health** (jointly run by the Schools of Public Health and Medicine). The South Lake Union neighborhood near the University has become a biotech hub thanks to private investment by Vulcan, the creation of a \$15 million biotech incubator and proximity to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Institute for Systems Biology, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Seattle office), Amgen's Helix Campus on Elliot Bay, the Allen Institute for Brain Science, the Pacific Northwest Research Institute, the Infectious Disease Research Institute, PATH (Program for Appropriate Technology in Health), the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute and Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason.

Aerospace has long been a key industry in the Seattle region, thanks to the Boeing Company. Boeing employs 68,993 people in the Seattle/Washington State area, including 46,374 employees in Boeing

Commercial Airplanes, 8,382 in Integrated Defense Systems, 7,527 in Engineering, Operations & Technology (including Phantom Works), 5,652 in Shared Services Group and 927 in Corporate (figures for March 1, 2007). In addition, Boeing works with 2,957 suppliers/vendors in Seattle/Washington State and makes charitable contributions of approximately \$15 million (figures for June, 2006). Boeing's new 787 airplanes will be assembled in Everett, a city north of Seattle.

The **information technology** sector in the Seattle/Washington State region includes about 6,000 companies, employs 68,000 people, accounts for \$10 billion in annual wages and generates \$25 billion in annual revenues (see industry overview at <http://www.wsa.org>). As of July, 2006, Microsoft employed 33,223 people in the greater Seattle area and 71,172 people worldwide. Microsoft has an annual research/development budget of \$7 billion with research labs in Redmond (a city east of Seattle), Silicon Valley, Cambridge, Bangalore and Beijing.

The Seattle area is home to leading-edge companies in a number of additional sectors. The **environmental industry** consists of about 400 companies employing 16,000 people in fields such as alternative energy and environmental engineering. The **arts** as an economic sector ranks 5th among American cities and includes 3,578 arts-related businesses employing 18,493 people (according to a 2007 Creative Industries Report by Americans for the Arts). The arts sector includes a growing **film and video** industry as well as a **music** industry that in 2004 generated labor income of \$266 million, total sales of \$1.3 billion and employment of 10,700 jobs in 3,000 music-related businesses. Seattle is the center of a thriving **gourmet coffee industry** (Seattle-based Starbucks has more than 13,000 retail locations worldwide); a dynamic **recreation equipment** sector (thanks to organizations such as the Mountaineers and companies such as K2 Sports, REI, Filson and MSR); and the nation's largest **marine and fisheries** sector (fisheries exports from Washington State exceed the total of all other U.S. states combined based on both value and weight). Other important sectors are **wood products**, **transportation equipment**, **food products and apparel design**.

For further information see <http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment> and <http://www.seattle.gov/tda>.

Total Employment

Number of full and part-time positions (not including resource or construction)

Year	Seattle	King County	Greater Seattle Area*
1980	386,684	697,401	1,033,407
1990	469,802	972,567	1,445,243
2000	536,471	1,188,577	1,748,793
2005	490,695	1,133,311	1,727,080

*King, Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

Source: Puget Sound Regional Council

U.S. Military

The Defense Department is one of the largest employers in the Puget Sound region. Major facilities include Fort Lewis Army Base, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Bangor Naval Submarine Base, McChord Air Force Base and Naval Station Everett.

Employment by Economic Sector, 2006

Greater Seattle Area: King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties.

Sector	No. Employed	% of Total Employment
Goods Producing Sectors	303,600	17 %
Construction/Natural Resources	120,900	(7 %)
Manufacturing	182,600	(10 %)
Aerospace	(71,400)	
Other Durable Goods	(73,400)	
Non Durable Goods	(37,900)	
Service Producing Sectors	1,477,200	83 %
Wholesale/retail trade	274,200	(15.4%)
Transportation, Public Utilities	62,100	(3.5 %)
Information	83,900	(4.7 %)
Financial Activities	108,500	(6.1 %)
Professional & Business Services	236,200	(13.3 %)
Other Services	431,200	(24.2 %)
Government	281,000	(15.8 %)
State and Local	(231,700)	
Federal	(49,300)	
Total Employment	1,780,800	

Source: December 2006 Puget Sound Economic Forecaster

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Top 10 Public Companies (Headquartered in Seattle/Washington State).

(Ranked by 2005 revenues, figures in millions)

Company	2005 Revenues	Type of Business
Costco	52935	Membership warehouses - www.pricecostco.com
Microsoft	39788	Software developer - www.microsoft.com
Weyerhaeuser	22629	Pulp/paper products - www.weyerhaeuser.com
Washington Mutual	21667	Bank - www.wamu.com
Paccar	14057	Heavy-duty truck manufacturer - www.paccar.com
Amazon.com	8490	Online Retailer - www.amazon.com
Nordstrom	7723	Apparel retailer - www.nordstrom.com
Starbucks	6369	Coffee company - www.starbucks.com
Safeco	6351	Insurance/financial services - www.safeco.com
Expeditors Int'l	3902	International Logistics Company - www.expd.com

Source: Puget Sound Business Journal, 2007 Book of Lists

Downtown Seattle Office Space: 4th Qtr 2006

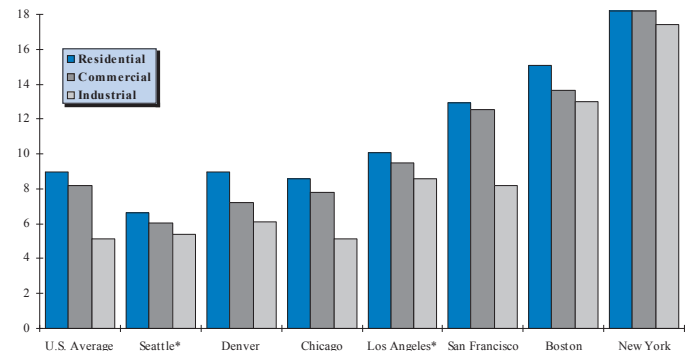
	Total Inventory (sq ft)	Vacancy Rate	Asking Rate (per sq ft)
General Occupancy	38,033,308	10.51%	N/A
Newest Class A	28,497,070	9.49%	\$21 - \$36
Major Older Class B	7,402,651	13.65%	\$18 - \$26
Older Class C	2,133,587	13.28%	\$18 - \$22

Source: CB Richard Ellis

Electricity Rates Comparison (2005)

Average residential, commercial and industrial electrical rates among major U.S. cities

Figures in cents per kilowatt hour.



Source: Seattle City Light, Finance Division *publicly owned utility
(Contact: Robert Bartley, Seattle City Light, robert.bartley@seattle.gov, 206-684-3877)

Water

Service is provided by the City of Seattle. Pressure range minimum is 30 psi and maximum is 100 psi. Commercial/industrial monthly rate for 3/4" - 4" meter is \$8.05-\$79.00. Charge for water usage is as follows:
Off-peak season (September-May) \$ 2.29/100 cu ft
Peak season (May-September) \$ 3.35/100 cu ft

Sanitary Sewer

Service is provided by King County's treatment plant and billed through the individual cities. The commercial/industrial rate in Seattle is \$7.45/100 cu. ft.

Natural Gas

Puget Sound Energy supplies Seattle and King County with natural gas. The basic monthly commercial/industrial rate for general service is \$17.50 plus \$0.933830 per therm.

Utility Sources: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/services/>

City of Seattle Tax Rates, 2006

Property Tax (rates per 1,000 Assessed Valuation)

State	\$ 2.50
City	3.16
County (includes Medic 1/EMS)	1.55
Schools	2.19
Port	0.23
Total: \$9.63 per \$1,000 assessed value, collected by King County	

General Business Occupation Tax (%)	City	State
Retailing (Including Services)	.215%	.471%
Extracting	.215%	.484%
Manufacturing - Flour or Wholesaling Grain	.215%	.138%
Manufacturing and Processing for Hire	.215%	.484%
Wholesaling	.215%	.484%
Service and Other Business Activities	.415%	1.5%
Printing and Publishing	.215%	.484%
Tour Operators	.215%	.275%

Source: City of Seattle, Revenue & Consumer Affairs rca.bizlctx@seattle.gov (206) 684-8484

Retail Sales Tax of 8.8% apportioned as follows:*

State of Washington	6.50%
City of Seattle	0.85%
Metro**	0.80%
Sound Transit	0.40%
King County	0.15%
King County Criminal Justice Levy	0.10%

*An additional 0.5% sales tax is applied to food and beverages sold by restaurants, taverns, and bars in King County. (Established in 1996 to help pay for a new baseball stadium in Seattle).

**Metro will increase to 0.90% April 1st, 2007

Source: Department of Finance, City of Seattle

TOURISM and CONFERENCE CENTERS

The Seattle-King County area attracts more than 9 million overnight visitors annually who spend \$4.33 billion and contribute more than \$376 million in state and local tax revenues. Direct visitor spending supports 60,000 jobs in the Seattle region. The Port of Seattle has seen record cruise ship growth in recent years, with five major cruise lines and an estimated 735,000 passengers in 2006. The Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle Center (site of the 1962 World's Fair) and local hotels have gained a reputation as exciting venues for conferences, conventions and special events. Other major facilities include the Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Qwest Field Events Center and Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. For visitor information contact: Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau at (206) 461-5800 or www.visitseattle.org or the Citywide Concierge Center, at the Convention Center, offering Seattle information, attraction tickets and tour bookings at (206) 461-5888.

Hotels

There are 6,500 hotel rooms in downtown Seattle's central business district and over 31,000 hotel rooms in the Seattle/King County area. In 2008 and 2009, 756 and 908 rooms will be added, respectively. See www.seattlesupersaver.com or call (800) 535-7071 for information or reservations at more than 80 Seattle area hotels (the Seattle Super Saver program is a free hotel reservation service operated by Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau).

Source: Puget Sound Business Journal, Week of January 26, 2007

Restaurants

Cuisine in the Seattle area is famous for fresh seafood, local farm produce and other Northwest specialties. A wide variety of ethnic restaurants are among the more than 9,000 restaurants in Greater Seattle (see www.seattle.citysearch.com).

Major Attractions

Among the most popular urban attractions are the Seattle Center and the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, the Hiram Chittenden Locks, Woodland Park Zoo, Tillicum Indian Village, Seattle Aquarium, waterfront, lakeside and sound beaches, Pioneer Square, International District, and local wineries and breweries. Outdoor activities include boating, fishing, golf, water sports, hiking, biking, mountain climbing and skiing. Seattle is situated on the shores of Lake Washington, Lake Union and Puget Sound, flanked by two major mountain ranges (Olympics and Cascades), with Mount Rainier in full view and remote wilderness less than an hour away. Nearby are the San Juan Islands, Pacific Ocean beaches and major rivers. (See www.visitseattle.org for more information.)

Arts, Culture and Festivals

According to a 2007 study by Washington D.C.-based Americans for the Arts, the City of Seattle ranks within the top 5 American cities for arts and arts-related businesses. The arts scene includes the Seattle Symphony (performing in Benaroya Hall), Seattle Opera and the Pacific Northwest Ballet (performing in Marion Oliver McCaw Hall), numerous art galleries, the Seattle Asian Art Museum, the Experience

Music Project rock and roll museum, the Seattle Art Museum and the Olympic Sculpture Park (opened on the Seattle waterfront in January of 2007). Seattle is rich in theater arts with 80 companies, 25 of which are professional. Other festival celebrations include SEAFair, Northwest Folklife, Seattle International Film Festival, Bumbershoot Arts Festival, International Children's Festival, the Bite of Seattle food festival and Northwest Bookfest. Seattle hosts large-scale musical concerts and has gained international attention as the place of origin of trend-setting rock, pop and jazz groups. Seattle's Convention & Visitors Bureau offers a comprehensive, searchable calendar of events on its web site for convenient trip planning at www.visitseattle.org.

Professional Sports

Seattle is home to Mariners baseball, Seahawks football, SuperSonics basketball, Seattle Sounders soccer and the WNBA 2004 World Champion's the Seattle Storm (professional women's basketball).

Economic Impact of Travel

Seattle-King County and Washington State 2005

	Seattle-King County	Washington State*
Travel-Generated Employment	51,100 thousand jobs	143,700 thousand jobs
Travel Expenditures	\$ 6.21 billion	\$ 12.70 billion
Travel-Generated Payroll	\$ 2.07 billion	\$ 3.83 billion
State Tax Receipts	\$ 224.2 million	\$ 591 million
Local Tax Receipts	\$ 146.6 million	\$ 254 million

*Includes Seattle-King County statistics

Source: Report prepared by Dean Runyan Assn. for Washington State CTED

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

The Greater Seattle region frequently receives recognition for its quality of life and global competitiveness. The region's advantages include its strategic geographic location (equidistant from London and Tokyo), advanced manufacturing capability and infrastructure, a critical mass of advanced technology, collaboration among technology sectors, diverse economic base (from agriculture to services to international trade), quality educational and health care institutions, well-educated work force, cultural and recreational opportunities and the international experience and outlook of its people.

The value of exports originating in Washington State in 2006 was \$53.1 billion, not including exports of computer software (estimated at \$5 to \$10 billion annually), architectural and engineering design or other professional services. Washington State ranks first in the U.S. for exports per capita, valued at \$8,429 in 2006. International trade accounts for one out of every three jobs in the local economy. Commercial ties abroad are complemented by strong civic, cultural and personal relationships that include sister city, sister county, sister port and sister state ties throughout the world.

Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle

The Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle is a partnership of the City of Seattle, the City of Everett, the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Everett, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, King County, Snohomish County, Pierce County and union leadership created to promote the Greater Seattle area as one of North America's premier international trade gateways and commercial centers. The Trade Alliance organizes business missions, hosts trade delegations, and provides trade related information about the region. (For further information, call (206) 389-7301, e-mail: tdags@seattlechamber.com or see the Trade Alliance web site at www.seattletradealliance.com)

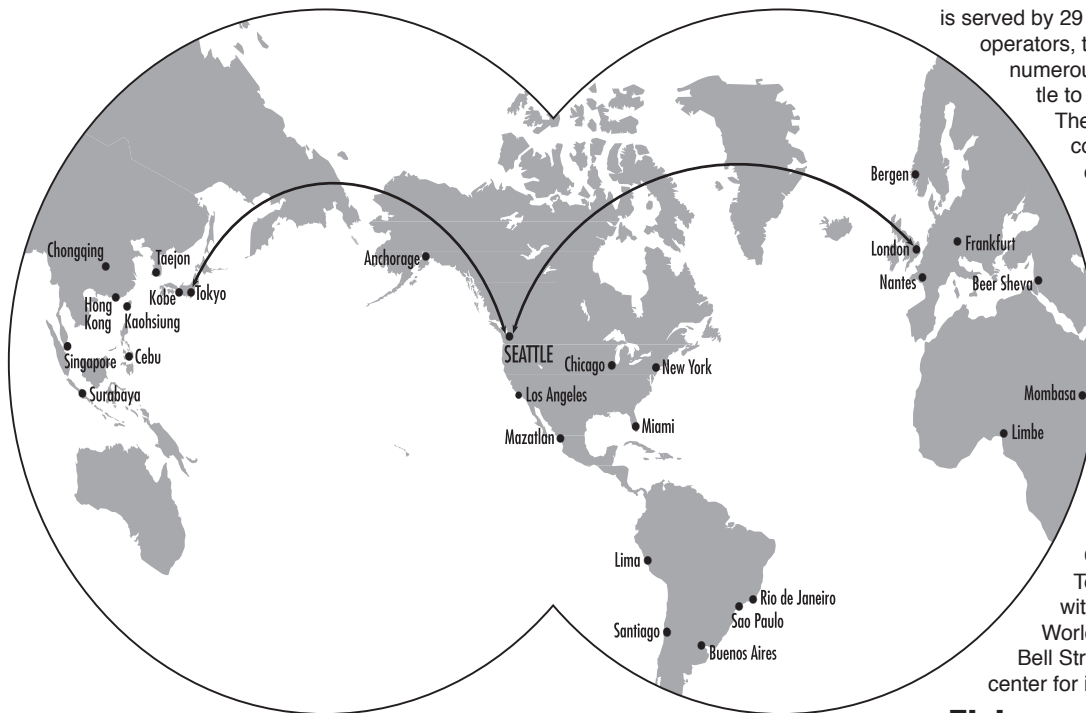
Top 10 Trading Partners

Based on 2006 exports originated in Washington State, in billions of U.S. dollars

1. China	\$6.83
2. Japan	6.71
3. Canada	6.21
4. United Arab Emirates	3.99
5. Korea, Republic of	2.49
6. China (Taiwan)	2.43
7. Singapore	2.36
8. France	1.80
9. Ireland	1.74
10. Mexico	1.30

TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES 53.075

Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development



is served by 29 ocean carriers and three Alaska barge operators, two major transcontinental railroads, and numerous trucking companies that link Seattle to market hubs throughout North America. The Port encompasses nearly 500 acres of container handling space, with 26 container cranes and facilities to handle chilled or frozen meat and fish, fruit, vegetables, forest products, steel and grain. Maritime business activities at the Port are responsible for pumping \$430 million in local purchases and \$2.5 billion in business revenue into the local economy each year. The Port also owns and operates Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Fishermen's Terminal and Maritime Industrial Center, Harbor Island Marina, Shilshole Bay Marina, and Bell Street Pier, an 11-acre complex with an international conference center, marina, shops and restaurants. Cruise terminals at Bell Street Pier and Terminal 30 serve the Alaska cruise industry with more than 200 ship calls each year. The World Trade Center complex, adjacent to the Bell Street Pier, strengthens Seattle's role as a center for international trade.

Top 10 Exports by Industry Sector

Based on 2006 exports originated in Washington State, in billions of U.S. dollars*

1. Aircraft, Spacecraft and Parts	\$32.90
2. Industrial Machinery, Including Computers ...	2.39
3. Cereals	2.30
4. Electric Machinery, Sound Equip., TV Equip., Parts.....	1.71
5. Oil Seeds, etc., Misc. Grain, Seed Fruit	1.70
6. Optic, Photo etc., Medical or Surgical	1.43
7. Mineral Fuel and Oil	1.26
8. Wood and Articles of Wood	0.80
9. Vehicles, except Railway or Tramway, and Parts, etc.....	0.76
10. Paper and Paperboard	0.74

TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES 53.075

**Does not include the value of service exports such as software, education, architectural services and other industries well represented in the Seattle area. See: <http://www.cted.wa.gov/>
Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development, MISER data*

Seattle's 21 Sister Cities

Listed with date of establishment

Kobe, Japan (1957)	Reykjavik, Iceland (1986)
Bergen, Norway (1967)	Daejeon (Taejeon), Korea (1989)
Tashkent, Uzbekistan (1973)	Kaohsiung, Taiwan (1991)
Beer Sheva, Israel (1977)	Pécs, Hungary (1991)
Mazatlan, Mexico (1979)	Cebu, Philippines (1991)
Nantes, France (1980)	Perugia, Italy (1991)
Christchurch, New Zealand (1981)	Surabaya, Indonesia (1992)
Mombasa, Kenya (1981)	Gdynia, Poland (1993)
Chongqing, China (1983)	Haiphong, Vietnam (1996)
Limbe, Cameroon (1984)	Sihanoukville, Cambodia (1999)
Galway, Ireland (1986)	

TRANSPORTATION

Railroads and Bus Service

Burlington Northern and Union Pacific provide transcontinental rail service and operate three intermodal yards in Seattle. Passenger service to major U.S. cities is provided by Amtrak. Various bus lines connect Seattle with major cities in the U.S., Canada and as far south as Tijuana, Mexico. Seattle is served by a county-wide bus system with a ride-free zone in Seattle's downtown district. The voter approved Sound Transit plan is in the process of integrating transportation in the greater Seattle area using light rail, commuter rail (currently running from Tacoma and Everett to Seattle), and over 100 miles of HOV lanes and regional express bus routes.

Harbor Facilities

The Port of Seattle is among the top ten container ports in the U.S., with products valued at \$36.7 billion crossing its docks each year. It

Fishermen's Terminal serves as the homeport for the U.S. North Pacific fishing fleet and is a growing center for other commercial workboats as well. Recent improvements provide 2,500 feet of linear moorage and more than 340 slips on concrete floating docks. Fishermen's Terminal also provides the most comprehensive support services available on the West Coast, with loading docks supporting vessels up to 300 feet and 2,800 linear feet of loading dock, secure outdoor storage, indoor lockers, forklifts, cranes and other equipment on site. The facility includes a wide array of on-site businesses catering specifically to the needs of the commercial fishing and workboat industries. Companies in the nearby Ballard, Magnolia and Queen Anne neighborhoods also offer marine supplies, vessel repairs and other specialty services. Nearby, the Maritime Industrial Center offers additional vessel moorage, storage, re-supply, maintenance and repair facilities.

Seattle-Tacoma Airport

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is a major gateway joining Asia and Europe with the U.S. In 2004, 28.8 million passengers passed through Sea-Tac, as did 346,966 metric tons of air freight. Passenger traffic climbed 7.5% over 2003, and for the first time exceeded pre-9/11 levels. Twenty-eight airlines serve Sea-Tac: 9 of those are foreign flagged and 5 are all-cargo airlines. The airport is 13 miles (21 km) from Seattle's central business district and 14 miles from the Port's marine terminals. In the continental U.S., Sea-Tac is the closest airport to Asia and is approximately 9 hours by air from either Tokyo or London. There are more than 45 scheduled flights to international destinations each week.

Carriers with Direct International Flights

Aeroflot Russian Airlines	American Airlines	Northwest Airlines
Air Canada	Asiana Airlines	SAS Scandinavian Airlines
Air BC	British Airways	United Airlines
Air France	EVA Airlines	United Express / Skywest
Alaska Airlines	Horizon	

Cities Served by Direct Flights from Seattle

Amsterdam	Los Cabos	Toronto
Calgary	Manzanillo	Vancouver
Cancun	Mazatlan	Victoria
Caracas	Moscow	
Copenhagen	Paris (as of June 11, 2007)	
Edmonton	Puerto Vallarta	
Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo	Seoul	
Kelowna	Taipei	
London	Tokyo	

Distances to Major Cities (air miles)

	Tokyo	Hong Kong	Chicago	New York	London
Seattle	4,785	6,639	1,726	2,406	4,792
San Francisco	5,135	6,957	1,851	2,571	5,35
Los Angeles	5,570	7,343	1,743	2,456	5,443

Source: Port of Seattle, Aviation Division

COMMUNICATIONS

Seattle Area Newspapers (Approximate circulation)

	Weekday	Sunday
Seattle Times	234,274	469,853
International Examiner*	10,000	
Seattle Post-Intelligencer	150,876	469,853
Korea Central Daily †	10,000	
The News Tribune (Tacoma)	116,150	123,213
Korea Times	10,000	
Seattle Weekly*	113,000	
La Voz* †	10,000	
The Stranger*	95,000	
Northwest Asian Weekly*	10,000	
Everett Herald	51,000	56,000
NW Vietnamese Weekly* †	10,000	
The Sun (Bremerton)	31,589	37,517
North American Post †	8,000	15,000
King County Journal	49,000	49,000
Daily Journal of Commerce	5,500	
Puget Sound Business Journal	17,000	
Seattle Chinese Post* †	5,000	
Seattle Medium	37,500	
El Mundo* †	30,000	

*weekly, biweekly or monthly

† Non-English edition

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Foreign Consulate Offices in Seattle

Australia	(206) 575-7446	Lithuania	(206) 725-4576
Austria	(360) 466-1100	Luxembourg	(425) 822-4607
Belgium	(206) 728-5145	Malta	(425) 788-3120
Bolivia	(206) 244-6696	Mexico	(206) 448-3526
Cambodia	(206) 217-0830	The Netherlands	(425) 637-3050
Canada	(206) 770-4060	New Zealand	(360) 766-6791
Chile	(360) 754-8747	Norway	(206) 623-3957
Croatia	(206) 772-2968	Peru	(206) 714-9037
Cyprus	(425) 827-1700	Russian Federation	(206) 728-1910
Ethiopia	(206) 364-6401	Seychelles	(253) 874-4579
Finland	(425) 885-7320	Slovak Republic	(206) 842-4862
France	(206) 443-4703	Spain	(425) 237-9373
Germany	(509) 624-5242	Sweden	(206) 467-8200 ext 330
Hungary	(425) 739-0631	Switzerland	(206) 228-8110
Iceland	(206) 783-4100	Taipei Economic and	
Italy	(206) 349-4411	Cultural Office	(206) 441-4586
Jamaica	(253) 872-8950	Turkey	(425) 739-6722
Japan	(206) 682-9107	United Kingdom	(425) 453-9400
Korea, Republic of	(206) 441-1014	Uzbekistan	(206) 625-1199

Consular Association of Washington: (206) 728-5145 (Belgium Consul)

Selected U.S. Federal Government Departments and Agencies with Offices in Seattle

Department of Commerce (<i>Census Bureau, Economic Development Administration, International Trade Administration, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration</i>)	Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Homeland Security (<i>U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Coast Guard, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Secret Service</i>)	Department of the Treasury
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	Environmental Protection Agency
	Department of Transportation
	Department of the Army
	Department of State (<i>Passport Agency</i>)
	Department of Housing and Urban Development
	Department of Labor
	Veterans Affairs
	Department of Agriculture
	Department of Justice

King County

King County is the 13th most populous county in the nation and is the second largest government in Washington State, with 1.8 million people living within 2,200 square miles. The County Executive is elected at large, unlike the County Council, which is elected by districts. There are nine County Council members who along with the Executive serve four year terms. King County government provides regional management and oversight of criminal justice services, Metro transit bus services, wastewater and solid waste management, public health and human services and elections.

Port of Seattle

The Port has five commissioners elected at large in King County for four-year overlapping terms. The Port manages the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle marine facilities and Fishermen's Terminal.

City of Seattle

The Mayor and a nine-member City Council are elected at large for four-year terms. Offices are non-partisan. City Council terms are overlapping with elections held every odd-numbered year.

Mayor:	Next Election
Greg Nickels	2009

City Council:

Sally Clark	2007	Jan Drago	2009	Richard McIver	2009
Richard Conlin	2009	Jean Godden	2007	Tom Rasmussen	2007
David Della	2007	Nick Licata	2009	Peter Steinbrueck	2007

City Bond Rating

Standard & Poor's rates the City's unlimited and limited tax general obligation bonds AAA. Moody's rates the City's unlimited and limited tax general obligation bonds Aaa and Aa1 respectively. Fitch Ratings rates the City's unlimited and limited tax general obligation bonds AAA and AA+ respectively.

City Budget Summary (2007, Adopted Budget)

Appropriations	
Administration	420,132,000
Arts, Culture & Recreation	222,882,000
Funds, Subfunds & Other	143,905,000
Health & Human Services	129,911,000
Neighborhoods & Development	118,484,000
Public Safety	486,019,000
Utilities & Transportation	1,768,397,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$3,289,730,000

Revenue	
Taxes	855,915,880
License Fees	76,082,658
Service & Use Charges	68,059,463
Fines & Forfeitures	20,624,706
Grants	101,749,569
Rent/Sales of Assets	89,699,305
Debt Proceeds	109,048,325
Utility Fees	1,206,104,029
Other Miscellaneous	29,655,558
Interjurisdictional Transfers	13,250,450
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$2,570,189,941

* Note that appropriations include payments between departments; this accounts for the discrepancy between appropriations and revenues.

Source: City of Seattle, Department of Finance

Further Information

(All telephone numbers are area code 206 unless otherwise noted)

Office/Agency	Phone	Website
City of Seattle:		
City Directory Assistance	684-2489	www.seattle.gov
Mayor's Office	684-4000	www.seattle.gov/mayor
Office of Economic Development	684-8090	www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment
Office of Arts & Culture	684-7171	www.seattle.gov/arts
Public Library	386-4636	www.spl.org
City Light	684-3000	www.seattle.gov/light
Office of Film and Music	684-8504	www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic
Enterprise Seattle	389-8650	www.enterpriseseatle.org
Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce	389-7200	www.seattlechamber.com
King County: Business Relations and Economic Development	205-0700	www.metrokc.gov/exec/bred
Port of Seattle	728-3000	www.portseattle.org
Prosperity Partnership	587-5663	www.prosperitypartnership.org
Puget Sound Regional Council	464-7090	www.psrc.org
Seattle-King County Association of Realtors	(425) 974-1011	www.nwrealtor.com
Seattle-King County Convention and Visitors Bureau	461-5840	www.visitseattle.org
Small Business Administration Information Center	553-7310	www.sba.gov/wa/seattle
Washington: Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development	(360) 725-4000	www.cted.wa.gov
Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle	389-7301	www.seattle.gov/tda
U.S. Census Bureau, Seattle Regional Office	381-6200	www.census.gov/rosea/www
U.S. Economic Development Administration, Seattle Regional Office	220-7660	www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Regions.xml
U.S. Export Assistance Center	553-5615	www.buyusa.gov/seattle

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